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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
Kazuaki EJIRI

Appln. No.: 10/749,599

Filed: December 31, 2003

**For: CHEMICAL MECHANICAL POLISHING:
METHOD, AND WASHING/RINSING
METHOD ASSOCIATED THEREWITH**

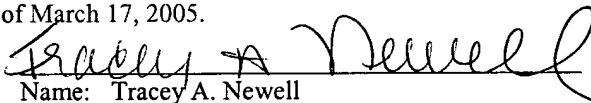
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

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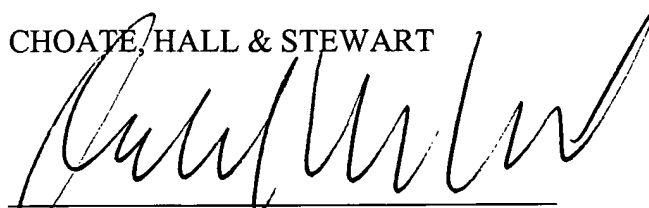
In response to the Office Action dated February 18, 2005 in which election of species was required, Applicant elects Group A, claims 1-13, a chemical mechanical polishing method [class 438, subclass 693].

Although we believe that we have appropriately provided for any fees due in connection with this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to/from our **Deposit Account No. 031721**. Two originally-executed copies of this form are being submitted.

Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 248-4038.

Respectfully submitted,

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